

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 5, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 340.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 340) granting a pension to Thomas J. Anthony, submit the following report:*

The applicant was a member of Company A, Second Regiment Iowa Cavalry, and claims a pension for hernia, occasioned by the fall of his horse in the year 1862, while claimant was in line of duty.

A mass of evidence having been filed in the Pension Office, some of which tended to show that the application was well founded, and other evidence tending to show the contrary, a special agent of the office was directed to make a personal examination of the claimant, and take his affidavit and collect such other evidence as could be obtained among his neighbors, and companions in the service.

This evidence is very full and conclusive that applicant was ruptured several years before entering the service; that he was in the habit of wearing a truss when he entered the service; that the rupture was not discovered at the time of muster on account of the fact that the medical examination was so imperfect that the soldiers, with their clothes on, were only required to walk between two surgeons; and that the applicant has, for years past, been employed regularly as a laborer on a brick-yard, and at such other work as he has been able to secure. The applicant, and several other witnesses who had means of knowing, testify to these facts on an examination by the special agent.

The records of the War Department also show that claimant served out the time of his first enlistment and re-enlisted and served to the end of the war. For these reasons the application was rejected by the Pension Bureau, and for the same reasons your committee recommend that the bill do not pass.

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